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SUBJECT: SAHEL FOOD CROP PROTECTION - MALI

REFS: A. ROME 13597 B. ROME 12780 C. BAMAKO 3325

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1. PER REFTTEL A, OSRO HAS AUTHORIZED 130,000 DOLS TO FINANCE CROP-SPRAYING OPERATION IN MALI UTILIZING EVERGREEN DC-3 PRESENTLY IN NIGER. THEY HAVE FURTHER EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT USG WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ONE-HALF OF THIS COST (I.E., DOLS 65,000).

2. REQUEST CDO/BAMAKO CONFER WITH FAO ADVISOR/BAMAKO TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF HECTARAGE TO BE COVERED BY THIS OPERATION AS WELL AS THE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO BE TARGETED. (REF TELS B AND C INDICATE THAT 50,000 HECTARES UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING TARGETED IN WESTERN MALI ALONG THE MAURITANIA BORDER

WHILE REFTEL A REFERS TO THE SOUTHERN-SUDANESE MALI BELT WHICH AID/W ASSUMES TO BE SOUTH OF BAMAKO.) CDO SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE IF THE DOLS 130,000 COST ESTIMATE INCLUDES FERRY TIME FOR RETURN FLIGHT OF EVERGREEN AIRCRAFT TO THE STATES OR IS INCLUSIVE OF IN-COUNTRY FLYING TIME ONLY. IF THE FORMER, OSRO REP SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE RETURN FLIGHT COSTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBSCRIBED TO UNDER THE PRESENT NIGER R/R ACTIVITY. ONLY FUNDING THUS REQUIRED

FOR MALI OPERATION IS THAT AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COVER IN-COUNTRY COSTS. IF ASSUMPTION THAT DOLS 130,000 ESTIMATE INCLUDES FERRY TIME IS CORRECT THE ULTIMATE OSRO CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED. FYI: ACCORDING TO INFO AVAILABLE TO AID/W COST OF FLIGHT OPERATION IS DOLS 895 PER HOUR PLUS FUEL (100 GALS/HR TIMES DOLS 105/GAL EQUALS DOLS 150/HR) FOR TOTAL AT DOLS 1,045 PER HOUR OF FLIGHT/SPRAYING. EVERGREEN DC-3 AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF SPRAYING 4-6,000 ACRES PER HOUR. THUS 130,000 DOLS OSRO CONTRIBUTION SUFFICIENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 500,000 ACRES (210,000 HECTARES). RETURN FLIGHT FERRY TIME ESTIMATED AT DOLS 495/HR PLUS FUEL AS ABOVE TIMES 85 HOURS FOR TOTAL AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 55,000. END FYI.

3. UPON RECEIPT REQUESTED INFORMATION AID/W WILL BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO OSRO REQUEST FOR USG CONTRIBUTION PER REFTEL A. KISSINGER

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